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Media Advisory

HIALEAH TAKES STOCK IN OUR CHILDREN

Take Stock in Children is dedicated to providing scholarships, mentors and hope to Florida's underprivileged youth. Students in the program face various risk factors. Take Stock in Children has impacted the lives of more than 13,000 low-income children in Florida. More than \$10 million in scholarships have been awarded to 746 Miami-Dade County Public School graduates. Currently, 425 students between the seventh and 11th grade participate in the Miami-Dade program and are guaranteed \$4.5 million in scholarships upon high school graduation. Take Stock in Children of Miami-Dade is a partnership between Miami Dade College, Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the statewide Take Stock in Children.

Take Stock in Children will host its Unsung Hero and Graduation Celebration at Miami Dade College's Wolfson Campus to honor the program's dedicated mentors and partners beginning at 6 p.m. with a reception, followed by the ceremony at 7 p.m.

The event will recognize the program's outstanding mentors and the graduating high school seniors from throughout the county who have earned their college tuition scholarships. City of Hialeah Mayor Julio Robaina will serve as keynote speaker. Under the mayor's leadership, the city has partnered with Take Stock in Children to help provide tuition scholarships for Hialeah's most underserved children.

The students selected to receive the scholarships entered the Take Stock in Children program during the seventh grade. They signed contracts agreeing to stay in school, maintain good grades, remain drug-and crime-free, and meet once a week with a mentor. The large majority of those students are expected to continue their educational goals at MDC and Florida state universities.

When: Wednesday, June 4, 2008, Opening Reception beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Where: MDC Wolfson Campus, 300 NE Second Avenue Chapman Center, Building 3, Room 3210

Extra Info: For more information, the media may contact the Communications and Special Events Department at 305-889-5701.